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METHOD AND POSITION DETECTION PROGRAM

THIRD STATUS INQUIRY



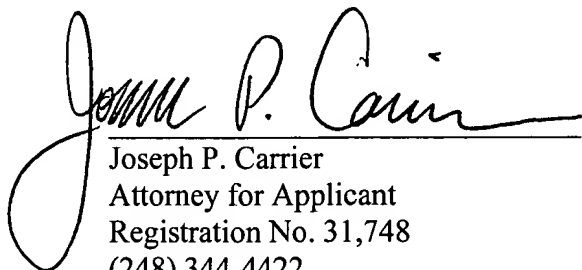
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Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, the last communication received from the Patent And Trademark Office was a response (dated 30 January 2004) to applicant's second Status Inquiry indicating that the "application will be first examined in 4 to 7 months from today". Accordingly, because this application was filed 26 May 2001, over forty months ago, applicant hereby urgently requests that the Patent And Trademark Office advise applicant's undersigned attorney as to the status of the first office action.

Favorable and prompt consideration is respectfully requested. ~~An extra copy of this Status Inquiry is attached hereto.~~

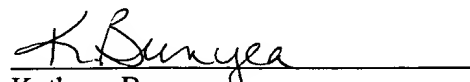
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